Research Section of the Travancore University.

189 * **MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI** (*The Travancore Jenmies—North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Research Section of the Travancore University owns

(*a*) Micro-Analytical sets ; and

(*b*) X-ray sets ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether Micro-Analytical sets are considered by Government as essential for research work ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It is for the Research Department to move in the matter. Government do not prescribe any particular equipment for that department.

State Transport.

190 * **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI** (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is the policy of Government to take over the whole transport system as early as possible ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative ; whether any departure has been made from it, if so, why ?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has any person applied for permit or license to run buses in the roads of Central Travancore?

PRESIDENT: It is the policy of the Government to take over the whole transport system. Then how does this question arise?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Part (*b*) of the question is "whether any departure has been made from it and if so, why"

PRESIDENT: The question is whether there is a scheme for the transfer of the Transport system to some body. I take that to be the question. There is no such idea.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I am referring to part (*b*).

PRESIDENT: But part (*b*) should be read along with part (*a*).

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have no idea what the Honourable member means. It is the declared policy of this Government to see that ultimately the passenger service throughout the State is brought under Government control. Government have an equal responsibility to see that the interests of the public are maintained, if necessary, by permitting the operation of a public passenger transport service by an independent party.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any application for permit has come to Government in respect of the roads in Central Travancore?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The Transport Department has no information.

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MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : May I know the extent of the whole transport system? By 'whole transport' does he mean the roads covered by private transport also?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The policy of the Government on this matter has been made clear on more than one occasion. It is the policy of the Government to take over all forms of public passenger traffic throughout the State.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : If Mr. Salter is not aware of it, are the Government aware?

MR. E. G. SALTER : May I explain my answer? It is the duty of the Government to see that Public transport service is maintained properly. If Government are satisfied that a particular area requires a particular service, it is likely that permits will be granted.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : That is no answer to my question. My question is has any application been received for new permits in respect of the roads in Central Travancore?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Transport Department has no information.

Lease Lend Vehicles granted to the Transport Department.

191 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of lease lend vehicles granted to the Transport Department : and

(*b*) the number of lease lend vehicles given to private passenger services?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 90.

(*b*) 24.

Buses bought by the State Transport Department.

192 *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of chassis and buses bought by the State Transport Department from the date of its inception to 30-12-1119 ;

(*b*) the number of buses that were fit for service on 1-1-1120 :

(*c*) if any buses have been sold, the number sold, the dates of sale and the amount realised by sale ;

(*d*) the number of chassis and buses bought by the Department in 1120 and the date of purchase ; and

(*e*) the average number of buses and lorries used daily for passenger and goods traffic during the half year Chingam to Makaram 1120?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 181.

(*b*) 95.

(*c*) 14 buses were sold between the period from 11-1-1117 to 12-8-1119. Total value realised is Rs. 15,730-15 chs. 1 cash.

(*d*) Chingam 1120—24.
Kanni 1120—2.
Dhanu 1120—2.
Meenam 1120—6.
Total 34.

(*e*) 85 buses and 32 lorries.

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